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Classified By: DCM ROBERT P. JACKSON FOR REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D).

11. (S) Summary: In separate meetings on December 16 with the Moroccan Foreign Minister Taieb Fassi Fihri and XXXXXXXXXX the Mission learned that the health of wounded Guinean junta leader Captain Moussa Dadis Camara has improved and that his release from the hc because the army is so factionalized and ethnic conflict in Guinean society is so prevalent. End Summary.

12. (S) In a December 16 meeting with the Ambassador, Moroccan Foreign Minister Fassi Fihri related that he had visited Dadis Camara on Wednesday, December 9, and that he had been conscious but not coherent. Dadis arrived in a coma, and doctors removed bullet fragments from his skull. He continued to recover, according to Fassi Fihri, and was now able to speak. He has reportedly asked the GOM to help him tape a five-minute television appearance for Guinean television. Fassi Fihri stated that Dadis's admission to Morocco was a humanitarian gesture and that the GOM would keep him in Morocco until the end of December. The Minister noted as well that Libya would be willing to accept Dadis Camara.

13. (S) Fassi Fihri also said that the Guinean Defense Minister, General Sekouba Konate, had told the GOM that he wished to visit Morocco to meet with Dadis, presumably to evaluate his ability to govern. The GOM was likely to honor Konate's request but only after the December 18 release of the report on the September massacre. However, Fassi Fihri also expressed pessimism about a Konate-led government, calling the Konate a drunkard.

14. (S/NF) Also on December 16, XXXXXXXXXX told PolOff that Moroccan doctors are expected imminently to release Dadis Camara from the hospital reported that Moroccan officials have not allowed him, Guinean dignitaries, or the Guinean Ambassador to visit Dadis Camara, but that he rec Mohammed V Military Hospital in Rabat. XXXXXXXXXX said Dadis was alert but was not expected to return fully to his previous state of health.

15. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXX described the "ethnicization" of Guinea and the risk of conflict and violence like in Rwanda. He stated that Dadis Ca

16. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXX handed a handwritten document of unknown origin to PolOff describing Dadis as a philandering, mentally unstable, heavy RABAT 00000988 002.2 OF 002

unionist Dr. Ibrahima Fofana would serve as transitional president for six months until presidential elections were held.

17. (S/NF) Comment: Fassi Fihri's discussion of Guinea contrasted sharply with his much more emotional, less objective discussion of Western Sahara. In any case, with Dadis Camara evidently recovering and the GOM agreeing to keep him in Morocco only until the end of December, the situation in Guinea could become more complicated unless the international community can persuade Konate and the Economic Community of West African States to act quickly. End comment.

18. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.

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